

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from September 15 to October 15 are listed below. These projects have been screened through the internal environmental review process for potential impacts on wetlands, threatened and endangered species, and cultural and archaeological resources, etc. Through the review process it was determined that environmental impacts have been kept to a minimum and mitigated as necessary, that they do not meet the criteria for significant actions as defined in the environmental review process, and may proceed. All of these projects are in compliance with the Endangered Species Protection Act, Natural Areas Preservation Act, Interagency Wetlands Policy Act and cultural resource statutes.

- **Sangamon Valley Trail**

1404567 - This project involves resurfacing Emerson Airline road and installing guard rails. The work will take place within existing right-of-way crossing IDNR property. Project was submitted for review on 9-19-13.

- **Edward R. Madigan State Park**

1405127 - This project involves construction of a pond/borrow pit. An asphalt parking lot and gravel walkway to the pond will also be constructed. Project was submitted for review on 10-3-13.

- **Trail of Tears State Forest**

1402142 - This project involves development of a Habitat Management Plan. Trail of Tears State Forest is at a critical transition. If left undisturbed, the forest will convert from a rich, diverse hardwood forest with a mix of habitat and mast dominated trees to a forest dominated almost entirely of shade tolerant Maples and Beeches. Various techniques to manage the forest will be evaluated. Project was submitted for review on 8-13-13.

- **Johnson Sauk Trail State Park**

1405193 – This project involves converting the existing site residence into the site superintendent office. Project was submitted for review on 10-8-13.

- **Tam O'Shanter Dam**

1305699 - This project involves removal of the Tam O'Shanter Dam on the North Branch Chicago River. Project was submitted for review on 10-29-12.

- **Sand Ridge State Forest & Sparks Pond State Natural Area**

1402265 - This project involves clearing the woody exotic/invasive vegetation from various locations. The amount and quality of habitat is declining because exotic/invasive species are taking over sand prairies and wetlands favored the State-threatened Illinois Chorus Frog. Project was submitted for review on 8-15-13.

- **Moraine View State Park**

1405173 - This project involves replacement of the existing bridge on County Highway 36 with a concrete box culvert. Stone riprap will be placed on park property for erosion control. Project was submitted for review on 10-7-13.

- **Rock Island State Trail**

1404371 - This project involves replacement of a failed drainage culvert under the Rock Island State Trail. Project was submitted for review on 9-13-13.

- **Coffeen Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area**

1403629 - This project involves using heavy equipment to remove locust trees around a maintenance shed and along an access trail. Project was submitted for review on 9-3-13.

- **Eagle Creek State Park**

1403425 - This project involves creating a vernal wetland to retain water on site, to prevent flooding an adjacent landowner's field. Project was submitted for review on 8-29-13.

- **Pere Marquette State Park**

1313934 - This project involves maintenance to an area which provides recreational rock climbing and rappelling. Project was submitted for review on 5-16-13.

Questions and Comments

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